Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0121] with the following amended paragraph:

[0121] A SUS-316-made vessel of 300 mL in capacity having a stirrer was charged with 70 g of the residue as obtained in Production Example 1, and 100 g of 5 wt % aqueous sodium hydroxide solution was added thereto, and then the resultant mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 1 hour. As a result, a ~~while~~ white insoluble product precipitated in the liquid. Subsequently, this insoluble product was filtrated and thereafter washed twice with 5 g of ion-exchanged water, thus obtaining a white powder. Next, the white powder as obtained was charged into a glass-made flask of 50 mL in capacity, and 5 g of acetic acid was added thereto, and the resultant mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 1 hour. As a result, the white powder dissolved to form a dark green liquid. Thereafter, the dark green liquid as obtained was pressure-reduced to an absolute pressure of 100 hPa to distill the acetic acid off under the reduced pressure, thus obtaining 0.85 g of a dark green powder. The resultant dark green powder was analyzed by elemental analysis and IR analysis. As a result, it was found that the above dark green powder was chromium acetate. The recovery ratio of the chromium acetate was 94.4 wt %.